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To Improve Communist Education
of Rural Communists

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discipline, and better ideological organization. The okoliya Party committee carries out a daily check on the work of the study groups and of the propagandists in the villages. In the month of November alone members and associates of the okoliya Party committee visited and attended the classes of 47 study groups out of a total of 70, after which they discussed the quality of the studies in meetings with the Party bureaus and recommended measures for the elimination of the existing weaknesses.

However, there are still many Party committees and organizations in the villages which continue to take a very formalistic attitude towards this very important task in the Party, and therefore the political education of the Communists in many villages is lagging behind. The basic defect in the work of many study groups in the villages at present is the low ideo-political level of the classwork. Besides that, many study groups work without adequate organization and therefore do not fulfill their study plans on time. In Pazardzhik Okoliya, for example, the educational work in the villages has not been made the concern of all the members of the okoliya Party committee; it is only the instructors of the "Propaganda i Agitatsiya" (Propaganda and Agitation) Section of the committee who go to the villages and check on the Party education work, while the members of the okoliya Party committee's bureau take no interest in it. For that reason a large part of the study centers in Pazardzhik Okoliya are lagging behind in their educational work.

The studies can reach a high political level only if the propagandists are good and properly qualified. All too often study group leaders are not familiar with the subject they teach, have not pre-

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pared their lectures well, fail to present the material in an interesting manner, do not know how to teach, and do not plan their lectures so as to relate them to the practical problems that arise in the villages. One such propagandist is Khr. Georgiev from Kovachevets, Popovo Okoliya, who is not prepared when he gives his lectures. Instead of talking to his students he reads his lectures in a monotonous voice and does not provide his listeners with any study plan.

In the Party's educational work the propagandist is the central figure, and therefore special care and attention must be given to his training and activity. Of great importance in improving the quality of teaching are the regular supervision and planned assistance extended to the propagandists by the Party bureaus and secretaries. A good example of this is furnished by the members of the Party bureau at Dyadovo, Nova Zagora Okoliya, who often visit the study groups and attend the classes, assist the propagandists on the spot, and supervise their participation in the seminars which are constantly going on. This organization has adopted the excellent practice of having the secretary or a member of the Party bureau talk with the propagandist after each school day, so that the Party bureau can always keep an eye on the progress of the Party's education work. The work of the study centers is also discussed at meetings of the Party organization. As a result of this active guidance the instruction groups in the villages carry on their studies regularly and at quite a high level.

Of especially great importance for providing the propagandists in the villages with systematic theoretical and methodological assis-

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tance are the constantly functioning seminars organized by the okoliya Party committees.

It is to be regretted that some Party committees have not yet come to realize the importance of the seminars and even do not require the propagandists to attend them regularly. It is chiefly due to such an underestimation of the importance of the seminars on the part of the okoliya Party committee at Razgrad that half of the propagandists in that okoliya do not attend the seminars.

The Party is taking special measures in regard to the political education of the rural Party activists. The secretaries of Party organizations and the Communists -- chairmen of the farm workers' cooperatives and of the executive committees of the village People's Soviets of workers' deputies -- are attending the seminars on theory in the okoliya committees in accordance with the Central Committee's topical plan. The seminars on theory in the Khaskovo Okrug are not functioning regularly. The okoliya Party committees at Kharmanli, Ivaylovgrad, Kurdzhali, and Ardino have a very formalistic attitude towards the seminars, and therefore discipline is unsatisfactory and the study plan is lagging behind schedule.

The Turnovo Okrug committee of the BKP has been successful in organizing the work in the seminars, and in that okrug the seminars function well. The Turnovo Okrug committee bureau has held two conferences on the work in the seminars on theory and has decided on certain concrete measures for the elimination of defects. The secretary of the propaganda and agitation section and the first secretary of the committee attend the seminars.

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Lectures and also the presentation of reports by the secretaries and other members of the okrug and okoliya Party committees also contribute to the political education of rural communists.

The most readily available and the best tested method for spreading Party education is the Party's educational conferences.

In order to disseminate the Party propaganda far and wide the Party committees must make use of all available means of Party education, they must study and use the experience of the best propagandists in the country, and they learn constantly from the experience of the Soviet propagandists.

The rural Communists' study of Marxism-Leninism must be very closely connected with the socialist transformation of the rural economy and the practical problems that it poses, namely, the organizational and political consolidation of farm workers' cooperatives, state farms, and machine tractor stations, the fulfillment of economic plans, the effort to achieve high yields, the application of the experience of the prize winners and of the Soviet agrotechnicians, and the fight against the kulaks, the class enemies of the working peasants.

Comrade Vulko Chervenkov says that Party leadership in villages cannot be made a reality at present if the rural Communists are politically ignorant and are not acquainted with and do not understand the Party resolutions and the economic problems. "All efforts," he says, "must be employed to raise the political level of the rural Communists and the rural Party committees."

Only if they are armed with the revolutionary theory of Marxism-Leninism and know the laws of social development can the rural Commun-

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ists properly understand and carry out the rural policy of the Party and the People's government and mobilize the masses of working peasants more successfully for the socialist transformation of the rural economy.

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